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# Midwest Region

## *Ohio Offices and Activities*

# Ohio

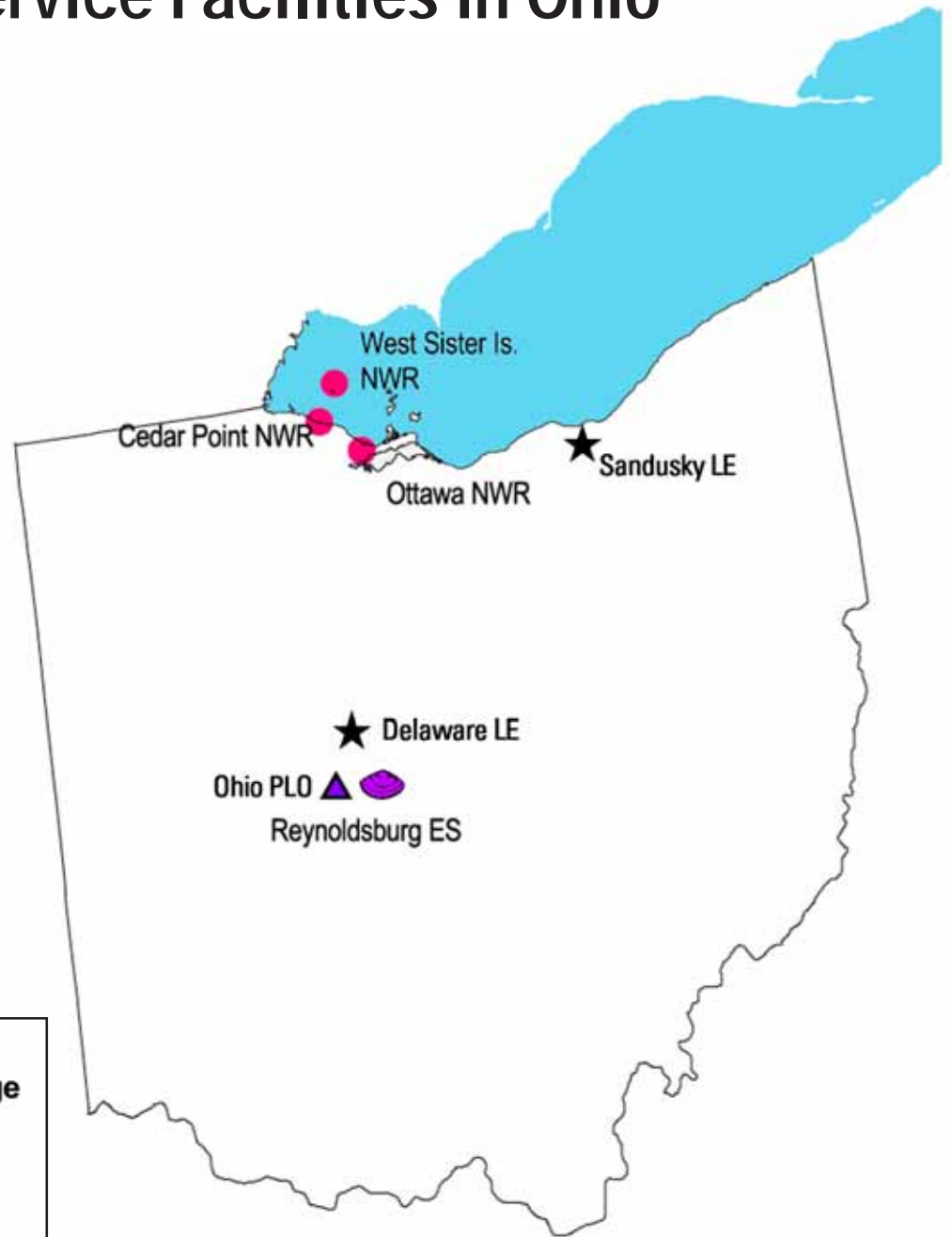


Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge  
by Adam Grimm





# Service Facilities in Ohio



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## Quick Facts

- 545 national wildlife refuges
- 95 million acres of fish and wildlife habitat
- 81 ecological services field stations
- 69 national fish hatcheries
- 63 fish and wildlife management offices
- 7,500 employees

## U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

# Introduction

## *U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service*

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is the principal federal agency responsible for conserving, protecting, and enhancing fish, wildlife, and plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people.

The vast majority of fish and wildlife habitat is on lands not owned by the federal government. Partnerships with Native American tribes, state and local governments, non-government organizations and private citizens are critical to the Service fulfilling our mission. Programs such as Partners for Fish and Wildlife, Partners in Flight, the Coastal Program, and partnership activities with individuals are the primary mechanisms for assisting in voluntary habitat restoration on non-Service lands and fostering conservation practices throughout the Region.

The Service manages the 95 million-acre National Wildlife Refuge System that consists of 545 National Wildlife Refuges and thousands of small wetlands and other special management areas. The Service also carries out its mission through the 81 ecological services field stations, 69 national fish hatcheries, and 63 fish and wildlife management offices located nationwide.

The agency enforces federal wildlife laws, manages migratory bird populations, restores nationally significant fisheries, conserves and



restores fish and wildlife habitat such as wetlands, administers the Endangered Species Act, and helps foreign governments with their conservation efforts. The Service also administers a number of grant programs that promote the restoration of fish and wildlife resources and their habitat on tribal and private lands.

The Service also oversees the Federal Assistance program that distributes federal excise taxes on fishing and hunting equipment to state natural resource agencies. This program is a cornerstone of the nation's wildlife management efforts, funding fish and wildlife restoration, boating access, hunter education, shooting ranges and related projects across America.

Approximately 7,500 people are employed by the Service at facilities across the United States. It is a decentralized organization with a headquarters office in Washington, D.C., seven geographic regional offices, and nearly 700 field units.



## Quick Facts

- Employment: 1,110 people
- Acres Managed: 1.29 million
- The Fiscal Year 2004 Budget for Regional Service activities totals \$80 million
- More than 7.7 million people visited Refuges throughout Region 3 to hunt, fish, participate in interpretive programs, and view wildlife
- More than 150,000 school children participated in Service educational programs
- 119,553 acres of wetlands restored
- 216 miles of streams restored
- 82,454 acres of upland habitat restored

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# Midwest Regional Highlights

*Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio and Wisconsin*

### The Region is Committed to

- Expanded partnerships offering innovative opportunities to enhance the Region's fish and wildlife resources
- Healthy fish and wildlife trust species populations and habitats to support them
- Providing the public with quality hunting, fishing, wildlife watching, and other wildlife-dependent recreational opportunities on Service lands
- An organization dedicated to employee excellence, reflecting the nation's rich diversity, and providing quality service to and decision-making for the resources for which we have trust responsibility (migratory birds, threatened and endangered species, interjurisdictional fish).

### Regional Programs and Offices

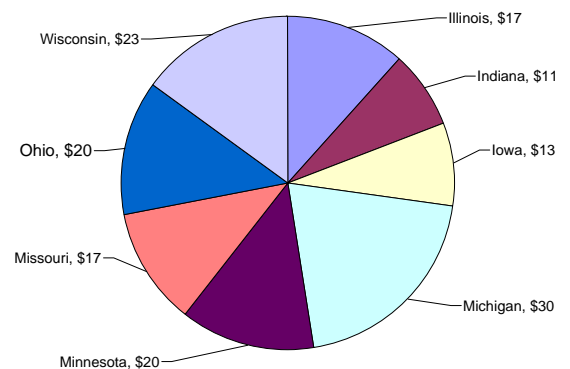
- 56 National Wildlife Refuges, including the newest – Glacial Ridge in northwest Minnesota
- 12 Wetland Management Districts
- More than 300,000 acres in waterfowl production areas
- 6 National Fish Hatcheries
- 6 Fishery Resources Offices
- 2 Sea Lamprey Control Stations
- 8 Private Lands Offices
- 9 Ecological Services offices
- 18 Law Enforcement offices



### Federal Assistance Program

In Fiscal Year 2004, the Region's Federal Assistance Office managed \$151 million to help strengthen sport fish and wildlife restoration programs throughout the eight-state region.

**Fiscal Year 2004 Federal Assistance Program Grants by State  
(In Millions)**



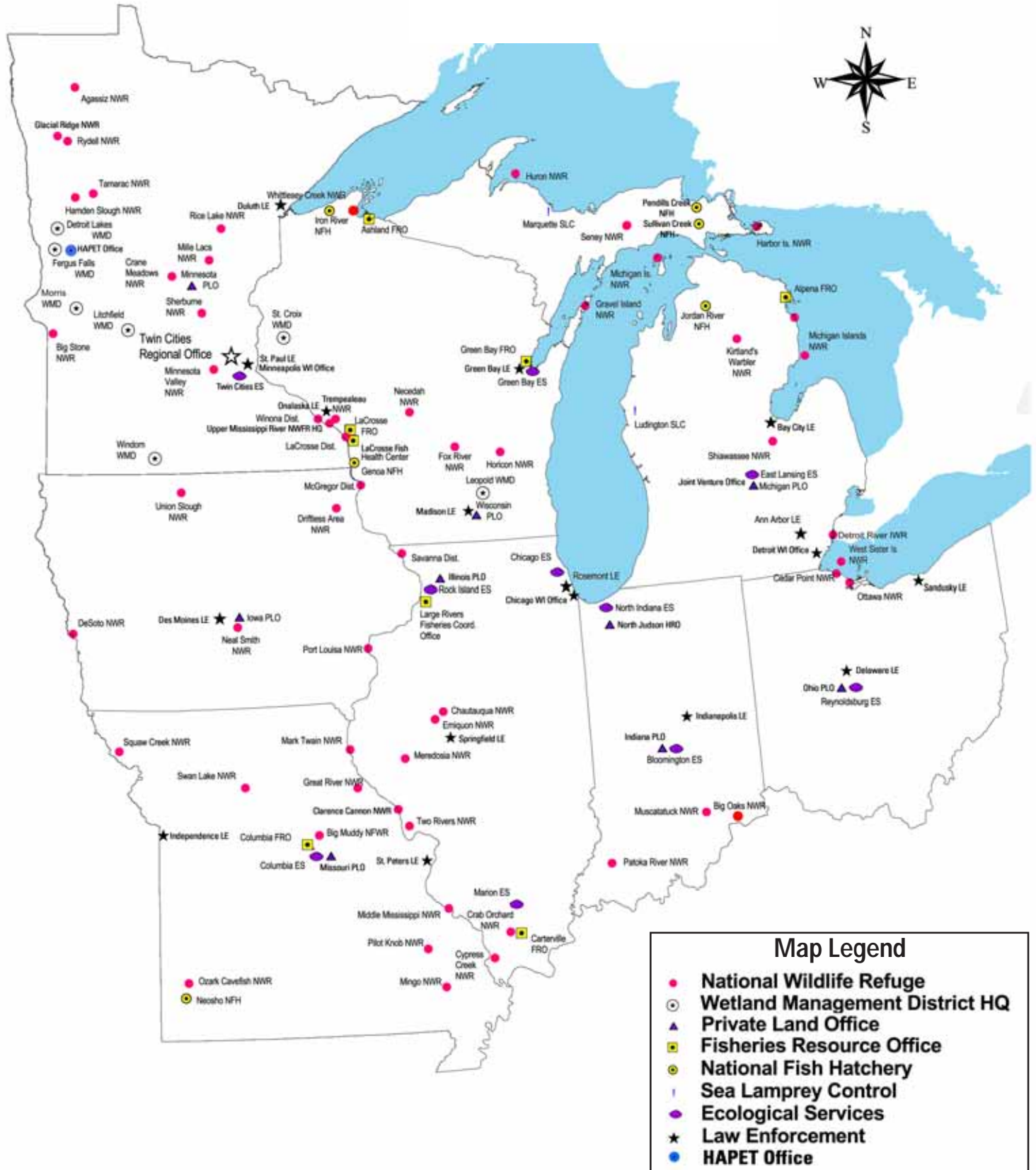




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# Midwest Regional Offices

*Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota,  
Missouri, Ohio and Wisconsin*





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# Ohio

## *Fish and Wildlife Service Highlights*

### Quick Facts

#### 2004 Ohio State Facts

- The Service employs 26 people in Ohio
- The Fiscal Year 2004 Resource Management budget for Service activities in Ohio totaled \$2 million

#### National Wildlife Refuge Facts

- Three National Wildlife Refuges in Ohio total more than 8,800 acres
- In 2004, more than 268,000 people visited national wildlife refuges in Ohio to hunt, fish, participate in interpretive programs and view wildlife

### Federal Assistance to State Fish and Wildlife Programs

In 2004 Ohio received:

- \$10.2 million for sport fish restoration
- \$4.4 million for wildlife restoration and hunter education

Wildlife Restoration Act funds have helped Ohio meet its wildlife management goals through significant land acquisitions. One of these acquisitions is the Tri-Valley Wildlife Area, located in Muskingum County. This 16,200-acre reclaimed strip mine was purchased for \$4.5 million and will provide increased recreational activities for the public and additional habitat for wildlife.

### Threatened Snake Returns to Lake Erie Island

Researchers and biologists in 2002 confirmed that the Lake Erie water snake, a threatened species, has returned to Green Island—the first confirmed sighting in more than 20 years. Managed by the Ohio Division of Wildlife as a wildlife refuge, 17-acre Green Island is one of the limestone islands in western Lake Erie on which water snakes were found in the 1930s and 1940s. Surveys in the 1980s and 1990s found no water snakes, but on a visit to the island this July, researchers from Northern Illinois University and Fish and Wildlife Service employees captured 10 Lake Erie water snakes and implanted them with tracking tags. They also observed nine more snakes that were not captured.



### Ottawa NWR Draws Birds, Visitors, Dollars to Ohio

More than 260,000 visitors flocked to Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge in 2004, many of them to see the songbirds, waterfowl and other bird species that use the refuge and the adjacent state-owned Magee Marsh as stopovers during their long migrations. Visitors to the refuge and the marsh, who pump some \$5.6 million into the local economy each year, are rewarded with miles of hiking trails, many of them disabled accessible, and the opportunity to observe and photograph birds on a refuge that was recently named as a “birding hotspot” by Birder’s World magazine. Construction on a new visitors center/office will begin in 2005.



## U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

# Ottawa

## *National Wildlife Refuge*

### Quick Facts

#### Refuge Facts

- The Ottawa Refuge Complex is made up of three Refuges: Ottawa NWR, Cedar Point NWR and West Sister Island NWR
- Ottawa NWR was established in 1961 and contains three units- Ottawa, Navarre and Darby, covering 6,350 acres
- Cedar Point NWR was established in 1964 and covers 2,445 acres
- West Sister Island NWR was established in 1937 and all of its 77 acres were designated as wilderness in 1975

#### Financial Impact of Refuge

- Eleven person staff
- 260,000 visitors annually
- FY 2004 Budget: \$1.4 million

#### Refuge Location

The refuge office is located 8 miles east of Oregon, Ohio, on State Route 2

### Natural History

- Almost 98 percent of the original wetlands in northwest Ohio have been lost to development and agriculture
- The western Lake Erie basin wetlands lie at the intersection of the Mississippi and Atlantic flyways
- As much as 70 percent of the Mississippi flyway population of black ducks use Lake Erie marshes for migration
- Ottawa NWR is a major migration corridor and stopover area for migrating waterfowl and other birds

### Refuge Objectives

- Restore optimum acreage to a natural floodplain condition
- Improve and restore wetland habitat
- Improve fishery and wildlife resources
- Provide for biodiversity
- Provide public opportunities for outdoor recreation and environmental education

### Highlight

- The refuge continues to be the leader in wetland restoration and protection in the Lake Erie Marsh region. The refuge has developed a strong partnership with the Ohio Division on Wildlife and Ducks Unlimited on wetland restoration/ protection initiatives throughout northwest Ohio.



### Priorities

- Habitat restoration on acquired lands
- Aggressively control the spread of invasive exotic species
- Increase law enforcement presence

### Public Use Opportunities

- Hunting, fishing and trapping
- Environmental education
- Wildlife observation
- Hiking

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# Ohio

## *Private Lands Office*

### Quick Facts

#### Wetland Restorations (1987 - 2004)

- 456 sites
- 3,257 acres

#### Upland Restorations (1987 - 2004)

- 212 sites
- 1,902 acres

#### Overview of the Program

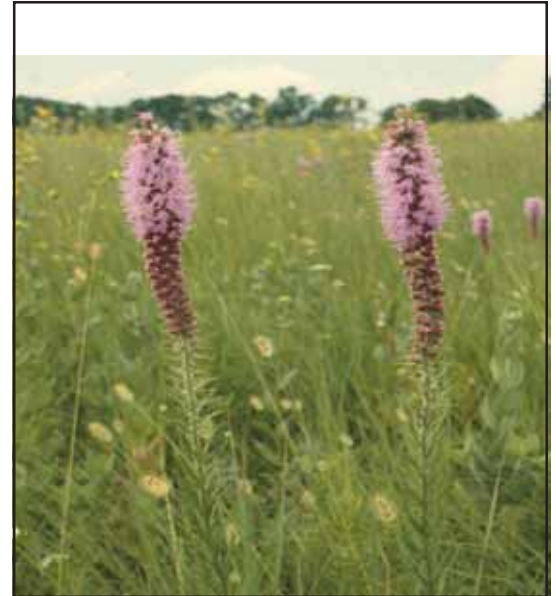
- Working with others to restore and enhance fish and wildlife habitat on private lands
- Restoring habitat for migratory birds, threatened and endangered species, interjurisdictional fish and other wildlife
- Restoring habitat within the watersheds of our national wildlife refuges
- Voluntary participation

#### Opportunities on Private Lands

- Wetland restoration
- Native prairie restoration
- Stream restoration
- Migratory bird habitat
- Endangered species habitat
- Invasive species control

#### Partner Involvement

- Private landowners
- Nonprofit organizations
- Corporations
- Local, state and federal agencies
- Tribal governments



#### Program Benefits

- Increased wildlife abundance
- Enhanced wildlife diversity
- Improved soil, water and air quality
- Increased recreational opportunities
- Broad coalition of partnerships supporting **voluntary** habitat restoration on private lands



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### Quick Facts

Ohio is home to 24 federally listed endangered, threatened, or candidate species, including the Indiana bat, Lake Erie water snake, Mitchell's satyr butterfly and running buffalo clover. The only known reproducing population of the purple cat's paw mussel occurs in Ohio. For more information about these and other rare and declining Ohio species, please see our website at <http://midwest.fws.gov/endangered>.

### Highlight

The Reynoldsburg Field Office's job of conserving natural resources is particularly challenging since Ohio has the highest human density in this Region and a history of heavy manufacturing and industry. Focus areas include investigating and remediating contaminant problems, reviewing coal mining permits, leading a binational initiative to guide conservation of Great Lakes islands biodiversity, and investigating the effects of wind power generation on natural resources.

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# Reynoldsburg, Ohio

## *Ecological Services Field Office*

### Our History

For over 60 years Ecological Services has protected and restored fish, wildlife, plants and their habitats. Our roots trace back to the River Basins Program that reviewed Federal water development projects. Since 1945, Ecological Services' responsibilities have expanded to include reviews of most Federal construction projects, endangered species, environmental contaminants, and a variety of conservation partnerships and grants.

### Project Planning

Through early and wise planning we work to conserve fish and wildlife and their habitats by minimizing the impact of Federal construction projects. Besides traditional Corps of Engineers' projects and permits, we work on energy development projects (hydro and wind power), highway projects, and proposed activities in National Forests.

### Environmental Contaminants

The Environmental Contaminants program is the only program in the Federal Government solely responsible for evaluating the impact of environmental contaminants on fish and wildlife. We work to prevent, reduce and eliminate the adverse effects of environmental contaminants.

### Threatened and Endangered Species

Our responsibilities under the Endangered Species Act include conserving declining species before



listing is necessary, adding species to the list of threatened and endangered species, working to recover listed species, and working with other Federal agencies to ensure that their projects do not irreparably harm listed species.

### Grants

We administer Endangered Species Act grants to provide funding to States, Tribes, organizations, and individuals for listed species conservation activities.

### Partnerships

We work to restore habitat on private lands through the Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program. We work with others to restore Great Lakes coastal habitats through our Coastal Program.

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# Ohio

## *Fisheries Conservation*

### Quick Facts

#### Alpena Office Facts

- Established: 1992
- FY 2004 Budget: \$454,000
- Staff: Nine

#### Geographic Area Served

- Lake Huron
- Lake Erie (western basin)
- St. Clair River
- Lake St. Clair
- Detroit River

#### Cartersville Office Facts

- Established: 1981
- FY 2004 Budget: \$363,000
- Staff: Three permanent, two temporary

#### Geographic Area Served

- Illinois
- Indiana
- Ohio
- Missouri
- Mississippi River - from Rock Island, Illinois, to Cairo, Illinois; including Mark Twain National Wildlife Refuge complex
- Ohio River - bordering the states of Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois

### Providing Fisheries Services to Ohio

Although there is no fishery office located in Ohio, service in the state is provided by the Alpena Michigan Fishery Resources Office and the Cartersville Illinois Fishery Resources Office.

#### Alpena Fishery Resources Office Areas Served

- Lake Erie watershed in Ohio and Michigan

#### Activity Highlights

- Lake sturgeon conservation
- Restoring fish habitat and fish passage
- Aquatic invasive species surveillance

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#### Cartersville Fishery Resources Office Areas Served

- Ohio River bordering the states of Ohio, Indiana and Illinois

#### Activity Highlights

- Restoring paddlefish
- Restoring fish habitat and fish passage
- Leading effort to combat Asian carp and other aquatic invasive species

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## Quick Facts

### Office Facts

- Established: 1996
- Staff: one Special Agent
- The Delaware Field Office is administered by the Ann Arbor, Michigan, Resident Agent in Charge Office

### Law Enforcement Objectives

- Protect and conserve native and foreign wildlife through the enforcement of federal laws
- Promote and encourage voluntary compliance with federal wildlife laws through public education and the creation of a deterrent effect

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# Delaware

## *Law Enforcement Field Office*

### Law Enforcement Priorities

- Investigate violations that have a significant impact on wild populations of federally protected species, such as those violations involving commercial exploitation and/or habitat destruction and modification
- Investigate violations that involve wild populations of species protected by state or foreign laws, with emphasis on interstate and foreign commercial exploitation
- Provide support and assistance to enforcement activities on Service lands, such as National Wildlife Refuges, and to other federal agencies on lands they manage
- Promote awareness of, and support for, federal wildlife laws and the role of law enforcement in protecting our wildlife resources and heritage

### Laws Enforced

- Migratory Bird Treaty Act
- Duck Stamp Act
- Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act
- National Wildlife Refuge Act
- Lacey Act
- Airborne Hunting Act
- Endangered Species Act
- Marine Mammal Protection Act
- Archaeological Resource Protection Act
- African Elephant Conservation Act
- Wild Bird Conservation Act



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# Sandusky *Law Enforcement Field Office*

### Quick Facts

#### Office Facts

- Established: 1982
- Staff: one Special Agent
- The Sandusky Field Office is administered by the Ann Arbor, Michigan, Resident Agent in Charge Office

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## U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

# Ohio

## *North American Waterfowl Management Plan*

### Quick Facts

#### Habitat

#### Accomplishments

- Over 18,000 acres of habitat protected, restored and enhanced
- Seeded retired cropland to native grasses
- Protected floodplain and stream habitat
- Protected coastal wetlands

#### Financial Assistance

- Matching dollars from partners totaling over \$12.5 million
- North American Wetland Conservation Act grants; 12 grants totaling over \$4.3 million

### About the Plan

- An international agreement signed in 1986
- Goal: return waterfowl populations to levels of the mid-1970s
- Achieve goals by restoring and protecting wetland and grassland habitat
- Includes 13 habitat joint ventures and three species joint ventures in the U.S., Canada and Mexico

### Partner Involvement

- Private landowners
- Nonprofit organizations
- Corporations
- Local, state and federal agencies

### Ohio Projects

Wetland and grassland restorations within:

- Northwest Ohio Wetlands Initiative
- Estel Warwick Wetland and Expansion Connectivity Project
- Funk Bottoms
- Mosquito Creek/Grand River Coastal Wetlands
- Big Island
- State and federal lands
- Private lands statewide through voluntary participation

### Public Benefits

- Increased recreational opportunities
- Enhanced wildlife diversity
- Improved community relations
- Enhanced floodwater storage



- Improved water quality
- Broad coalition of partnerships supporting voluntary wetland preservation

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## Quick Facts

### OH Anglers and Hunters Spent

- 22 million days angling
- 905 million dollars in total fishing expenditures
- 11 million days hunting
- Over 645 million dollars in total hunting expenditures

### OH Licensed Anglers and Hunters

- 1.39 million licensed anglers
- 481,000 licensed hunters

### United States

- Over 82 million U.S. residents 16 years old and older fished, hunted, or wildlife watched in 2001.
- Sportspeople spent a total of \$70 billion in 2001—\$36 billion on fishing, \$21 billion on hunting, and \$14 billion on items used for both hunting and fishing (the sum of expenditures totals \$71 billion due to rounding).

<http://fa.r9.fws.gov/surveys/surveys.html>

### Where Can I Find More Information

Detailed grant information is available at our public website—[faims.fws.gov](http://faims.fws.gov).

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# Ohio *Federal Assistance*

### How the Dollars are Administered

- The goal of the Federal Assistance Program is to work with States to conserve, protect, and enhance fish, wildlife, their habitats and the hunting, sportfishing, and recreational boating opportunities they provide.
- In fiscal year 2004 total grant funds in the Midwest Region exceeded \$151 million. Ohio received \$20 million. These monies were distributed through programs such as: Sportfish and Wildlife Restoration, Coastal Wetlands Program, Landowner Incentive Program, Section 6 of the Endangered Species Act, Boating Infrastructure Grant Program, State Wildlife Grants and the Clean Vessel Act Program.

### Where the Money Comes From

Funding for most Federal Assistance programs comes from federal excise taxes paid by hunters, anglers, and boaters on hunting and fishing equip-

ment, a portion of the federal fuel tax, and import duties on fishing tackle and pleasure boats.

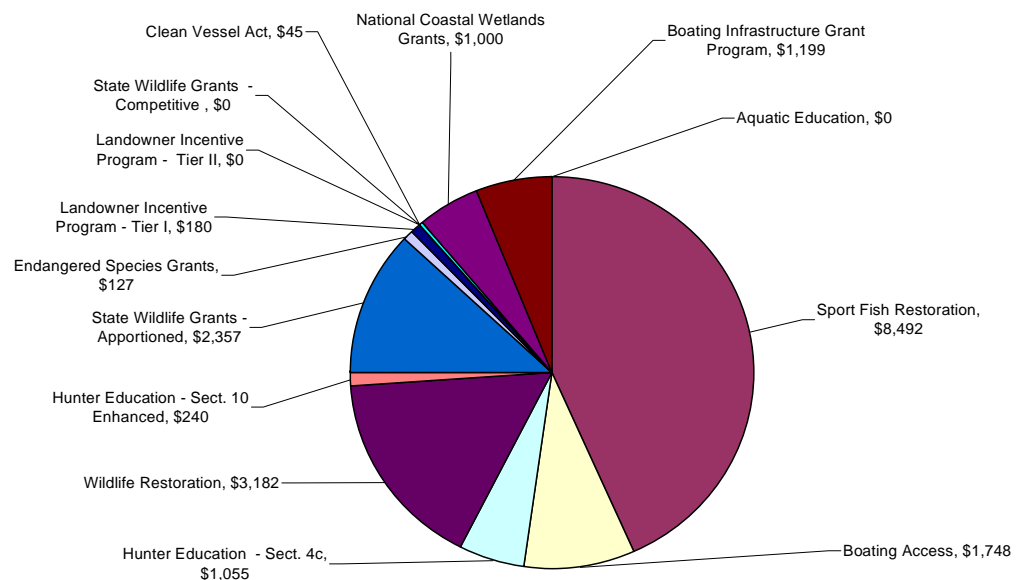
### What the Money Can be Used For

Fish and wildlife research, habitat enhancement, assistance to private landowners, environmental review of public projects, land acquisition, operation and maintenance of lands and facilities, boating and angler access improvements, comprehensive planning for fish and wildlife resources, and hunter and aquatic education.

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**Fiscal Year 2004 Funds Granted to the State Through Federal Assistance Programs  
(in thousands)**





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# Ohio

## *Migratory Bird Conservation*

### Quick Facts

- 1.9 million bird watching participants
- 235 million bird watching days
- 23,000 duck hunters
- More than 33,500 Federal Duck Stamps sold (2002-2003)
- Three Important Bird Areas on U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service lands in Ohio:
  - Cedar Point NWR
  - West Sister Island NWR
  - Ottawa NWR

### Inventory and Monitoring

- Woodcock Singing Ground Survey
- Mourning Dove Call Count Survey
- Mid-Winter Waterfowl Survey
- Resident Canada goose breeding population survey
- Waterfowl banding program
- Great Lakes Colonial Waterbird Survey
- Nongame bird inventories on National Wildlife Refuge System lands

### Research

- Study of cerulean warblers in the Ohio Hills

### Management

- Wetland protection, restoration and enhancement
- Grassland protection, restoration and enhancement
- Bottomland hardwood restoration
- Develop hunting regulations
- Issue migratory bird permits
- Integrated bird conservation planning at the state and Bird Conservation Region levels

### Outreach

- International Migratory Bird Day
- Shorebird Sister Schools Program
- Junior Duck Stamp Contest



### Partnerships

- Ohio Department of Natural Resources
- Partners in Flight
- North American Waterfowl Management Plan
- North American Waterbird Conservation Plan
- U.S. Shorebird Conservation Plan
- Ohio State University

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## U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

# Ohio

## *Division of Realty*

### Realty Management

- Once properties are acquired, the Realty Management staff is responsible for managing real estate records for over one million acres of Service-owned lands throughout Region 3.

The Realty Management staff also:

- Works to assure that counties receive revenue sharing payments
- Processes non-funded land acquisition such as exchanges, donations, transfers and withdrawals
- Processes right-of-way permits across Service owned land
- Provides surveying capabilities for land acquisition and boundary retracement
- Produces cartographic products for Service use

### Land Acquisition

- The Realty Division's staff of appraisers and realty specialists works with landowners who have indicated an interest in selling their property, or property interests, to the Service. The appraisers determine fair market value and the realty specialists make the fee-title or easement purchases from these willing landowners. Lands are acquired by using funds from:
  - The Migratory Bird Conservation Fund (received from the sale of Federal Duck Stamps)
  - The Congressionally appropriated Land and Water Conservation Fund
  - Natural Resource Damage Assessments



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